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Ms. Elizabeth

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Dear Ms. Elizabeth,

My name is Diana Felicia Leone-Gandara. I am a member of the Choctaw – Apache tribe of Ebarb in Zwolle Louisiana. I am sending you my comments as a member that would like to see our tribe succeed. My Grandparents and my Father were also members of the tribe.

We have tried to be recognized federally for some time. But the regulations have been made in a matter that is not helping us.

I am asking that you please change some of your standards so that we may be recognized, like all our ancestors fought for us to be.

Here are a few things I was looking at:

For instance the past executive Preamble are helpful to us but it should not include language that has any prior negative FAP decisions. This should not be used with interpretation concerning the new revised rules and regulations.

The document should be duly noted as guidelines for each particular criteria should be read. Also this should be applied favoring this Petitioner.

From our previous recognition (83.12 we should as the petitioner should only need to prove the criteria since the date of previous acknowledgment.

So I am asking that you consider this as a request to change the old criteria for being Federally Recognized to the new one proposed.

Sincerely,

D.F. Leone-Gandara